GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any proposa! to open CNG distribution centres in Rajathan and tribal areas of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the High Court of Rajathan has issued any directives in this regard;

(e) if so, whether said directives are being complied with; and (I`) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI MURLIDEORA)

(a) to (c), (e) & (f): GAIL`s applications for implementing city gas distribution projects in Chhabra, Baran, Kota, Alwar, Dhauipur, Kishanganj, Jodhpur, Jaipur, Ajmer, Pali, Bhilwara, Udaipur, Bikaner, Jaisalmer, Banner & Nagaur have been sent by Ministry to Petroleum & Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB). To implement city gas distribution projects in the state of Rajasthan, GAIL has sigoed Joint Venture Agreement (JVA) with HPCL on 17th May, 2007. The incorporation of Joint Venture Company (JVC) is in progress. Gas Rehabilitation and Expansion Project (GREP) Pipeline of GAIL passes through Rajasthan. GAIL has already commissioned Vijaipur-Kota Pipeline in December 2006. GAIL has been issued authorization for Chhainsa-Gurgaon-Jajjhar-Hissar pipeline, passing close to Alwar in Rajasthan.

(d): The Hon`ble High Court of Rajasthan, Jodhpur, in the case of Mahendra Lodha Vs State of Rajasthan (D.B Civil Writ Petition No. 6073/1993 under Article 226 of the Constitution of India) vide order 19/02/2007 passed the judgment which stated that `the authorities concerned should take effective steps that within a period of one year, the public vehicles use C.N.G instead of Petrol and diesel.`